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The mysterious Hat.

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On this fine day Milton Mouse balances an apple upon his head while Henry Cat, self-proclaimed sharpshooter, emulates the famous William Tell and shoots at the fresh fruit. Some shots tell and some do not. However, after a few rounds of shooting Henry and Milton ramble along the highway in search of quarry. Henry espies a wooden bird stop a lofty weather vane and fires several well directed shots which cause the bird to fly away. Immediately the vane changes from "fair" to "rain" and Henry and Milton receive a drenching shower of cats and dogs. Further on, the duo observe a Duck's nest and Milton serves as a pointer while Henry takes aim. The shot blows the nest to bits and three big eggs fall to the ground. Henry is boastful of his wonderful marksmanship and Milton congratulates him. They run to pick up the eggs which suddenly take to their legs and run away with the pair in pursuit. Henry shoots at the eggs, and ducks jump out of the shells and chase the hunters. Henry and Milton take refuge in a rabbit burrow and the ducks follow them. After a fight, the Cat and the Mouse break through the ground, and the Ducks rush back into the egg shells. Suddenly, a black top-hat comes up from the distance and drops mysteriously before Henry and Milton, and from it steps a duck. Presto: The three duck eggs run up and jump into the Hat. Then the duck puts on the Hat and the top-piece flys away as mysteriously as it came. Henry fires after it with no effect. Observing Tom Turtle, Henry and Milton make a bee-line for him. Tom is a good dodger and Ducks his head under his shell every time Henry fires at him. All of a sudden, the Turtle grabs the cat's tail and a jolly chase starts. Henry runs up a precipitous cliff and jumps over to another cliff. Tom still holds on to the Cat's tail and entwines his own around a tree, thus forming a bridge. Milton crosses the "bridge" stopping, long enough to blacken Tom's eye and make him let go of Henry. Milton saves himself while Tom plunges into the water below. As Henry and Milton watch Tom's fall, the mysterious Hat comes up and the Duck picks his Hat up and nips Henry's tail. Enraged, Henry gives chase to the Hat which magically changes into a fish bowl, a flower pot, a lamp and then Cack to a Hat. Henry fires at the Hat and it turns into a Duck. "Who are you?" asks the Cat. The Duck hands him a card, reading, "Prof. Quack-Champion Magician". Henry is amazed and so is Milton, when the Duck produces a regular menagerie of animals from the mysterious Hat. This trick eclipses Henry's feats of marksmanship and he realizes that he is not so great after all.

Moral: "It matters not how good you are --- someone is always better".

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